

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 15 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 16 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Monday 14 Dec 2020 at 16:32 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday and Thursday. Low for detail on Wednesday and Friday.

Headline for Tuesday 15 Dec 2020: Occasional wintry showers in the far west.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 15 Dec 2020

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Low Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Sleet	Partly cloudy (night)	Sleet	Sunny intervals	Sleet showers	Sunny intervals	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	70%

Forecast for Tuesday 15 Dec 2020

Weather: Mainly dry for daylight hours with some sunshine, although a few showers along western coastal ranges, wintry above 900 metres. Showers becoming more widespread after dark, falling as snow down to 800 metres as it turns colder at height.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Most summits clear in the north of the area, some patchy cloud around 600 metres across the Cuillins and the south of the mainland. Patchy cloud down to 600 metres developing in the evening further north too.

Visibility: Mainly very good during daylight hours. Poor in cloud and snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	38/44 S	36/43 S	33/40 S	31/37 S	29/35 S	29/35 S	25/30 SE	28/35 S	30/36 S
900	36/42 S	34/41 S	31/37 S	29/35 S	27/33 S	27/33 S	22/27 SE	27/33 S	27/34 S
600	24/31 S	23/30 S	21/28 S	19/26 S	19/25 S	18/25 S	14/20 SE	17/24 S	16/23 S
300	4/26 S	5/26 S	5/25 S	5/22 S	6/23 S	3/19 S	3/17 SE	4/21 S	3/20 S
Glen	9/23 S	9/23 S	10/24 S	9/22 S	9/21 S	6/16 SE	8/19 SE	8/20 S	8/22 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-8	0/-8	0/-8	-0/-8	0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-9	-2/-10
900	1/-7	1/-7	1/-7	1/-7	1/-6	0/-7	0/-6	-0/-8	-1/-8
600	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	2/-4	2/-4
300	5/4	5/3	5/4	5/3	5/3	5/3	4/3	4/2	3/1
Glen	8/5	8/5	8/5	7/5	8/5	7/6	7/5	6/4	6/3
Freezing Level*	1000m	1000m	1100m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m	900m	800m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Notable wind chill at height. Icy surfaces at higher elevations.

Forecast for Wednesday 16 Dec 2020

Weather: Widespread rain, with snow on higher summits, spreading north in the morning. Turning dry by early afternoon but further widespread rain and higher summit snow returns across Skye and the south from late afternoon. North likely to stay mostly dry for the afternoon. Very windy.

Maximum wind: Southerly gusts 50 to 60 mph for most of the day on the tops

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Widespread low cloud between 450 and 700 metres in morning rain and snow, this breaking up from the west for a while in the afternoon before returning from late afternoon. Low confidence for detail at this stage.

Visibility: Mainly good outside of low cloud and rain

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to 8 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits